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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH ADOPTING A CHILD CARE POLICY FOR THE CITY OF LONG BEACH

WHEREAS, over forty-six percent of American women with preschool children were employed either full- or part-time in 1980; and

WHEREAS, child care availability has not kept pace with the increasing rate of single-parent families; and

WHEREAS, because of the limited access to affordable child care, many families remain on welfare or create "latchkey" children; and

WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach recognized that existing child care services and facilities are not adequate to meet current demand, and that the demand for such services is increasing; and

WHEREAS, the provision of accessible, affordable, quality child care is a responsibility that must be collectively shared among parents, employers, child care professionals, employee organizations, schools, business and community leaders, and government officials; and

WHEREAS, The City of Long Beach acknowledges that it can best address the child care needs of the City by using its resources as a facilitator to act as a catalyst towards attaining the goal of readily accessible and affordable, quality child care;

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NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as follows:

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Long Beach expressed a commitment on the part of the City of Long Beach to work to expand child care services throughout the City by assuming a leadership role in promoting a coordinated effort among parents, employers, child care providers, employee organizations, schools, private sector developers, business and community leaders and government officials.

Sec. 2. The City Council hereby directs the City
Manager to implement this policy in appropriate City Departments
and Commissions.

Sec. 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this resolution by the City Council of the City of Long Beach, and it shall thereupon take effect.

Ayes: Councilmembers: Braude, Edgerton, Smith,

Grabinski, Tuttle, Harwood, Kell.

Noes: Councilmembers: None.

Absent: Councilmembers: Hall, Clark.

Sella Tewell City Clerk

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